

News Release

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Polynesian Cultural Center Visits Utah Cultural Celebration Center for One Night Show

WHAT: The Utah Cultural Celebration Center proudly presents the latest production from

Polynesian Cultural Center, Ha: Breath of Life. Three years in the making, the three

million dollar production features original musical compositions and dance

choreography from New Zealand, Hawaii, Fiji, Samoa, Tahiti and Tonga. The new production is less than a year old, opening last August to a sold out Polynesian

Cultural Center on the island of Oahu.

WHEN: Thursday, May 27

Gates open at 6:00 p.m. Preshow at 7:00 p.m.

Ha: Breath of Life at 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: Utah Cultural Celebration Center

Outdoor Amphitheater

1355 West 3100 South, West Valley City, Utah 84119

WHO: Everyone is invited to see the Polynesian Cultural Center's *Ha: Breath of Life* FREE

of charge. Come Join the Celebration!

WHY: This is every man's story, told through the life of a Polynesian man named Mana.

Journey along with young Mana as he is born out of the turmoil of a capsized canoe, washed upon the shores of life to find his way. He and his parents find refuge in Tonga and learn the importance of community. Little Mana celebrates his early years of life in Hawai'i with the customary birthday lū'au marking his survival in the world. We next see Mana as a young boy in Aotearoa, or New Zealand, where he is growing and becoming a young man. As he comes upon a beautiful maiden named Lani in Samoa, he learns about falling in love and earning the acceptance of her family. With love comes marriage and soon Mana and Lani are taking their vows in the romantic setting of Tahiti. War touches their lives in Fiji and Mana is saddened by the death of

welcome their new baby into the world.

his father. The story begins again with the celebration of life as Mana and Lani

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PCC FACTS:

The PCC just launched an incredible new \$3 million hight show in Hawali, "Ha, Breath of
Life," featuring more than 100 Polynesian performers.
The PCC will be in Salt Lake City for just two days (May 26 and 27) performing for the public
to provide an inside look at their new night show.
A group of 14 performers (9 dancers, 1 fireknife dancer, 3 musicians and an emcee) will be
here to perform at the UCCC on May 27.
The PCC is Hawaii's #1 paid attraction and is an excellent place to visit for families,
honeymooners and those looking to add some culture into their vacation.
Since 1963, the PCC has entertained more than 34 million visitors while preserving and
portraying the culture, arts and crafts of Polynesia.
As a non-profit organization, 100 percent of PCC's revenue is used for daily operations and
to support education.
For more info, visit <u>www.polynesia.com</u> or <u>www.habreathoflife.com</u> .

For more information about this production or other events or exhibits at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center, please call 801-965-5100 or visit www.culturalcelebration.org